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First Lady Judi Patton tends to Sunalini, daughter of Rashmi Adi-Brown, director of programs and prevention services of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, who helped observe Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Capitol Rotunda on April 1.

First Lady kicks off Child Abuse Prevention Month

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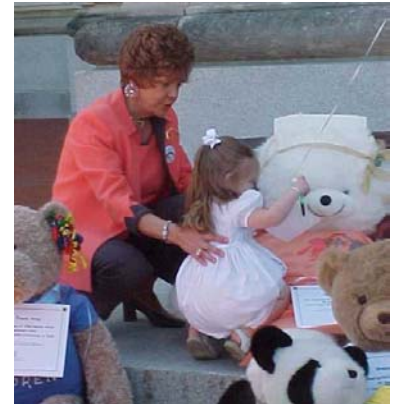
Child Abuse Prevention Month kicked off Tuesday, April 1 with a ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda. First Lady Judi Patton, a long-time advocate for victims of child and domestic abuse, hosted the event along with representatives of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky and the state Cabinet for Families and Children.

Participants in a statewide drawing and essay contest for school-age children were also on hand to receive awards and certificates. Grand prize winner in the drawing contest, Ashley Vanderpool of May Valley Elementary in Martin, unveiled her contest drawing, which has been reproduced in button form. Chad McPherson of Tompkinsville Elementary School, the grand prize winner in the essay contest, read his winning entry, "I Have a Dream," which was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous speech.

Following the awards ceremony and remarks from Patton and others, the First Lady led the children to the front steps of the Capitol where they released dozens of blue balloons into the sky.

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, leaders and advocates in the fight to stop the abuse of Kentucky's youngest and most vulnerable citizens will work to promote education and awareness of the problem of child abuse and to spread the message that we all can play a role in abuse prevention.

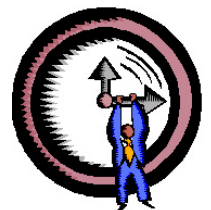
Specifically, PCAK and CFC will be working to publicize the steps people should take if they suspect child abuse. Anyone who witnesses abuse happening should immediately phone local police to report the incident. Those who suspect a child is being abused may call the Abuse Report Hotline at 800-752-6200.



Mrs. Patton lends a guiding hand to Emma Stephens as she embraces a teddy bear from a regional Children's Advocacy Center. Lana Stephens, Emma's mother, spoke at the kickoff for Child Abuse Prevention Month regarding the celebration of children.

Set clocks forward this weekend

*By Anya Armes Weber,
CFC Communications*



It's almost time to spring forward!

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 6. Move your clocks forward one hour then to gain an hour of daylight. Then Frankfort will be in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) rather than Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Up escalator could be down for three weeks

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications

Cabinet staff who work on the fourth floor may be anxious to know what's wrong with the up escalator between floors three and four. Building Supervisor Skip Hayes offers these answers.



A bearing in the main gearbox for this escalator flight wore out and is having to be replaced, he said.

Machinists have disassembled the escalator to get to the worn gearbox and remove it. Repair work is being done off site. Hayes said late last week he thought it would be "at least a week" before the repaired part is returned.

Once the part is fixed, machinists will then reassemble the escalator. Hayes said the entire project is about halfway done, but the escalator could be out of service for up to three weeks.

Window replacement update

The first-floor detour to the basement because of window renovations is over.

Contractor Rogers Aluminum and Glass has completed its work for now, Hayes said. All slope glazing (top glass) has been replaced and all but four of the side windows have been replaced.

Workers will return in May to complete some detail work and apply a sealant on the joints between the sections of sloped glass, Hayes said.

Rogers also is responsible for restoring the lawn outside the hall, where the glass delivery truck and crane caused ruts. This work should be completed by next week, Hayes said.



This is the back of the March of Dimes shirt for Cabinet walkers. The shirt was designed by Robert Martin of the Communications Office.

March of Dimes walk is next week

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC Communications

The March of Dimes fund-raising committee continues collecting donations to help babies. The team would like to thank staff who contributed by donating and buying books, soup or yard sale items at recent events.

This week's soup luncheon and silent auction raised \$371.55 for March of Dimes. Here are the winners of the silent auction:

- Strawberry shortcake: **Linda Taylor**
- Pink Pig pecan pie: **Donna Eldridge**
- Candle and the March of Dimes beanie baby: **Jennifer Royalty**
- Magee's fresh baked rolls: **Jo Woods**
- Lake Cumberland getaway: **Erica Caton**

Here are the winners of the prize drawing for those who donated food dishes.:

- Barren River State Park Getaway: **Pam Fite**
- Two seafood buffets from Blue Lick State Park: **Sheree Combs**
- Kenlake State Park Getaway: **Michele Lilly**

Walk is next Friday

The March of Dimes State Walk for Kentucky employees is at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 11 at the Capital.

Walkers will be picked up by city bus in front of the CHR building. The ceremony and walk will last about an hour. Lunch will be served after the walk.

Walkers who raise \$20 will get a Cabinet March of Dimes shirt designed by Robert Martin of the Communications Office. Committee members should begin distributing shirts today.

March of Dimes also offers incentives for raising more funds.

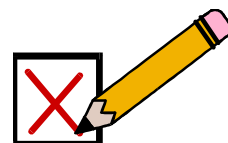
Staff should submit their pledge sheets and contributions to their office's coordinator today. Checks should be made out to "March of Dimes."

Last year CFC had 53 walkers participate. This year's goal is 75.

It's not too late if you've made a last-minute decision to walk. Just ask your team's coordinator or Michele Lilly (564-3140, ext. 4004) for a pledge sheet.

If you can't walk, please think about sponsoring someone who will. Your contribution will save babies!

KY Primary Election on May 20



Kentucky will hold a primary election on May 20. There are candidates in each political party seeking statewide office on the ballot.

In accordance with voting leave regulations, all employees who are entitled to vote and request leave in advance shall be granted four hours of voting leave time. Employees who take voting leave, but fail to vote may be subject to disciplinary action.

EAL Bright Idea of the Week

By Anya Armes
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While most Cabinet staff have completed the Everyone a Leader skill-building sessions, we could all use small reminders of the lessons we studied. The "EAL Bright Idea of the Week" features tips that can help us improve our relationships with coworkers and our service to families.

Conflict is inevitable, but it can be an opportunity for positive change. As our number of Comprehensive Family Services partners grows, so does the potential for conflict. A CFS team in conflict cannot help a family in conflict. Taking steps to resolve conflict – restating concerns, expressing feelings and listening – will establish a unified team able to support a struggling family.

Staff lend a helping hand

By Anya Armes Weber, CFC
Communications

Quality Central staff show they know how to take care of each other when a need arises.

Quality Central Connections (QCC) members were recently contacted about an employee who could not pay upcoming utility bills and needed money for gas and food until our next payday.

Immediately, QCC team members began donating checks and resources. One Office of Technology Services staffer even donated \$270 to the employee. He said he had intended to contribute the money to his 401(k) plan, but he decided it would do more good assisting a fellow employee.

Thanks to all staff who helped exemplify the spirit of Comprehensive Family Services by offering a helping hand.



Mobile mammography unit available during Women's Health Fair

The Office of Women's Physical and Mental Health announces the availability of the University of Louisville Mobile Mammography Unit during the Women's Health Fair at CHS on May 14. The mobile mammography unit will be available, by appointment only, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 14. It will be located in the front of the Public Health building, facing East Main.

The Office for Women's Physical and Mental Health is urging any woman over age 40 to consider being screened. While there are some very basic criteria to qualify for the screening, most women over 40 who have not had a screening in the past year will be eligible. The fee will vary depending upon insurance coverage. Spaces are limited, so please call 502-564-9358 for more information and to make an appointment.



Cabinet Secretary Viola Miller served as a guest instructor this week for students in an administrative internship program sponsored by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. Miller discussed stereotypes of poverty with the students during a class in Modern Kentucky Government at the association's headquarters in Frankfort. The students include Natalie Ciresi (top left), a Lindsey Wilson College student who is spending the spring semester as an intern with the CFC communications office. The interns take two courses in addition to working at least 30 hours a week in state agencies.



Bonnie Homrich, special assistant to the Cabinet Secretary, flashes a brazen smile while being taken into custody Thursday by a Franklin County constable. Before she was carted away, Bonnie had raised \$661 toward the \$1,000 in "bail money" set for her release by the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). There's still time to contribute: Just return the attached form to Rhonda Goff in the Secretary's office.

GET BONNIE OUT OF JAIL DONATION FORM

I WISH TO DONATE:

\$100 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___

\$20 ___ \$10 ___ Other ___ (specify amount)

****Remember \$525 sends a child to MDA Summer Camp****

\$___ IF THEY PROMISE TO KEEP YOU!!!

___ PAYMENT ENCLOSED

___ CHARGE IT!

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